

Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Wednesday, May 4, 2005
Immediately Following Session
Room 123, Capitol

PRESENT: Cohen, Chaudhary, Berglin, Fischbach, Frederickson, Gerlach, Hottinger, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Neuville, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Sams, Stumpf, Wiger

ABSENT: Dibble*, Dille, Murphy

* Beginning 3/18/05, when Senator Sams is absent, Senator Dibble replaces him on the Finance Committee

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 3:41 P.M.

A quorum was not present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 1211-Betzold: Child Custodians Background Checks

- Senator Betzold testified on S.F. 1211.
- Senator Larson moved that S.F. 1211 be recommended to pass.
- A quorum was present at 3:43.
- Matt Massman, Finance Fiscal Analyst, testified on the fiscal impact of S.F. 1211.
- John Kingrey, Minnesota County Attorneys, testified on the fiscal impact.
- Beth Holgren, Department of Human Services, testified on the fiscal note for S.F. 1211.
- The committee laid S.F. 1211 over.

AGENDA ITEM #2: H.F. 847-Saxhaug: Game and Fish Provisions Modifications

- Senator Saxhaug testified on H.F. 847.
- Senator Chaudhary moved the A1 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing the meeting at 3:59.
- Senator Pariseau moved the A2 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved that H.F. 847 as amended be recommended to pass.
- Senator Pariseau moved to delete section 28 of the previously adopted A1 amendment.
- Ed Bogguss, Department of Natural Resources, testified on Senator Pariseau's amendment.
- Senator Pariseau's motion was adopted.
- Senator Frederickson's motion adopted.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair at 4:09.

AGENDA ITEM #3: H.F. 1915 (S.F. 1840)-Limmer: Maple Grove Hospital Construction Moratorium Exceptions

- Senator Berglin moved adoption of the division report to S.F. 1840. Motion carried.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, explained the process for working on H.F. 1915.
- Senator Limmer testified on H.F. 1915.
- Senator Berglin moved the A1 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Ourada moved that H.F. 1915 as amended be recommended to pass.
- Senator Limmer continued to explain the bill.
- Mary Bakken, Fairview Health Services, testified in favor of H.F. 1915.
- Dr. Lois Lenars, Fairview Health Services, also testified in favor of the bill.
- David Wessner, Park Nicollet, testified in favor of H.F. 1915.

- Dave Cress, President and Chief Operating Officer of North Memorial, testified in opposition to H.F. 1915.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A2 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved the A5 amendment. Motion carried.
- After several Senators offered various oral amendments, Mr. Wattson offered language to amend the previously adopted A1 amendment:

- Page 1, line 34, delete “shall” and insert “will”
- Page 2, line 30, delete “shall” and insert “will”
- Page 2, line 16, delete “a”
- Page 3, line 9, delete “such”
- Page 5, line 6, delete “when” and insert “in” and delete “her” and insert “the”

- Senator Berglin moved the oral amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved that H.F. 1915 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: S.F. 630-Neuville: Child Support Determination Provisions Modifications

- Senator Neuville testified on S.F. 630.
- Senator Berglin began chairing the meeting at 4:58.
- Senator Neuville offered the A36 amendment.
- Janet Marshall, State Court Administrator, testified in response to questions from Senator Ranum.
- The A36 amendment was adopted.
- Mr. Wattson offered an oral amendment to the previously adopted A36 amendment:

- Page 4, lines 14 and 15, change “450” to “1,350”
- Page 4, line 16, change “440,000” to “1,320,000”


- Mr. Waylin Campbell, Director of Child Support Enforcement at the Department of Human Services, testified to explain that the oral amendment was not necessary.
- Senator Berglin explained that the amendment was necessary.
- Senator Neuville moved the oral amendment offered by Mr. Wattson. Motion carried.
- Senator Neuville moved that S.F. 630 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.


AGENDA ITEM #5: S.F. 2160-Skoglund: Payment of Claims Against the State

- Senator Skoglund testified on S.F. 2160.
- Senator Stumpf moved adoption of the division report to S.F. 2160. Motion carried.
- Senator Stumpf moved the A05-0623A amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Stumpf moved that S.F. 2160 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Senator Berglin adjourned the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


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 Richard J. Cohen
 Chair

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